

Michael F. Easley  
Governor



## State of North Carolina Office of the Governor

---

For Release: **IMMEDIATE**  
Date: November 30, 2007

Contact: Carrington Skinner  
Phone: 919/733-5612

---

### **GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS RAY TO COUNCIL FOR WOMEN**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Sylvia Gooding Ray** of Fayetteville to the North Carolina Council for Women.

Ray is the executive director of the Women's Center of Fayetteville. She is a member of the Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees, the Cumberland County Public Library Board of Trustees, and the Womens' Forum of North Carolina. Ray received the Athena Award in 1997 and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2005. She received her Bachelor's degree in business and communications from Fayetteville State University.

The council advises the governor, the principal state departments and the state legislature concerning the education and employment of women in the state of North Carolina. The council also advises the secretary of Administration upon any matter the secretary may refer to it, as well as, establishes programs for the assistance of displaced homemakers. The board has 20 members, each serving a two-year term. The governor appoints all members.

###